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WHEN? WHAT?

1. THE ARUSHA V NEGOTIATIONS WILL BEGIN AS SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 23 WITH A GOR PROPOSAL TO CHANGE FROM POLITICAL ISSUES TO DISCUSSION OF INTEGRATION OF THE SECURITY FORCES. ALTHOUGH RELIGIOUS LEADERS ARE CONTINUING TO FACILITATE INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS IN KIGALI TO DEVELOP AN INTERNAL CONSENSUS ON THE REMAINING POLITICAL ISSUES FOR ARUSHA, THEY ARE UNLIKELY TO SUCCEED IN TIME FOR THE MONDAY TALKS IN ARUSHA. ALL PARTIES AND OBSERVERS ARE ENCOURAGING THE RPF TO ACCEPT THE CHANGE AS THE MOST LOGICAL APPROACH TO A DIFFICULT SITUATION.

WHO WILL OBSERVE FOR THE U.S.?

2. AF/RA MILITARY ADVISER LTC MARLEY AND DAR ES SALAAM POLOFF BENTLEY WILL COVER THE OPENING ROUND OF TALKS.
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EDWARD BRYNN, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BURKINA FASO WHO HAS BEEN RECALLED TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS, WILL REPLACE DAVID RAWSON AS THE SENIOR OBSERVER FOR THE REMAINING POLITICAL TALKS SOMETIME AFTER NOVEMBER 27 AND IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN FOR THE DURATION OF THE TALKS. THE GOR, RPF, AND TANZANIAN MEDIATORS HOPE TO COMPLETE ALL NEGOTIATIONS BY DECEMBER 23, A DEADLINE WHICH MAY BE HARD TO MEET.

REFUGEE ISSUES

3. WITH THE EXPECTED CHANGE IN SCHEDULE, IT IS UNCLEAR WHEN THE DISCUSSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE PROBLEM OF RWANDAN REFUGEES. THE OCTOBER 30 COMMUNIQUE FROM ARUSHA IV CALLED FOR MEETINGS ON THE ISSUE FROM DECEMBER 14-20 (FOLLOWING THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY TALKS), WITH PARTICIPATION, AS OBSERVERS, OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RWANDAN REFUGEE COMMUNITY, THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, DONOR COUNTRIES, THE OAU, THE UNHCR, AND THE ALL AFRICA CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES. RP WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SEND A DELEGATE FROM WASHINGTON AND HOPES THAT EMBASSY PERSONNEL, SUCH AS KIGALI DCM JOYCE LEADER, WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE.

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